



City of Albuquerque

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE SEVENTEENTH COUNCIL

To Protect and Promote the Health, Safety and General Welfare of the People of the City of Albuquerque by Advocating for the Protection of the Valle Vidal and Endorsing the Core Values of the Coalition for the Valle Vidal (Mayer, Cadigan)

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TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE BY ADVOCATING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE VALLE VIDAL AND ENDORSING THE CORE VALUES OF THE COALITION FOR THE VALLE VIDAL.

WHEREAS, the City government is responsible for the protection and promotion of the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the City of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the City may formally adopt a position pertaining to the management of the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest ("Valle Vidal") given the impact such management has on the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Valle Vidal is beloved by outdoor enthusiasts, conservation groups, concerned citizens, local business, ranchers, outfitters, guides, and sportsmen; and

WHEREAS, the Valle Vidal's watersheds are of paramount value, and its waters the lifeblood of the land's wildlife and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Valle Vidal is a vital resource to a sustainable future for

northern New Mexico's rural and agricultural communities; and

WHEREAS, the Valle Vidal provides unique recreational opportunities for families, Boy Scouts, and other outdoor enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, the Valle Vidal provides a home for abundant wildlife populations, and holds intrinsic ecological importance and scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Valle Vidal should be managed for the benefit of the people - all of the people; and

WHEREAS, it is a grave mistake to exploit this special place for the principal benefit of the energy industry.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. The Council endorses the Core Values of the Coalition for the Valle Vidal, attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2. The Council finds that the Valle Vidal should be closed to oil and gas leasing and development, and thereby permanently protected for the benefit of present and future generations of all Americans.

Section 3. The Council authorizes the Coalition for the Valle Vidal to convey the City's endorsement of the Core Values in its campaign to protect the Valle Vidal from oil and gas leasing and development in accord with this Resolution.

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